

**PROJECT ABSTRACT (ATTACHMENT 1)**

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Project Title: Nashville Force for Good Project

Category 1: Planning and Implementation

The Nashville Force for Good (NFFG) Project endeavors to build a safer community for residents of James A. Cayce Homes (Cayce Place), the largest and oldest public housing development in Nashville, Tennessee. Cayce Place, which is part of the Primary Target Area for the Nashville Promise Neighborhood (NPN), is located less than a mile from downtown Nashville in the 37206 zip code and census tract 193. The NFFG Project will focus on 2 ½ blocks that comprise the two police reporting areas in Cayce Place with the greatest need.

MOBC provides services to over 6,000 individuals annually and has an annual budget of over \$6 million. As the lead agency of the Nashville Promise Neighborhood, MOBC coordinates a collaborative effort of 27 agencies and is the foundation for the cradle-to-college/career continuum in East Nashville. To ensure a continuum of strategies to improve family and community safety as part of the NFFG Project, MOBC has partnered with Vanderbilt University, Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPd), Family and Children's Service, YWCA and the Cayce Place Resident Leadership.

Police, community, and school data all indicate a need to address interpersonal and domestic violence in Cayce Place. According to MNPd data, the violent crime rate in Cayce is greater than in Davidson County by a factor of 7, especially for aggravated assaults, simple assaults, and rape. Domestic incidents represent 38% of aggravated assaults and 58% of simple assaults in Cayce. With a population of just 2,000 residents, Cayce Place made 3,060 self-initiated calls in 2012 (out of the 5,211 total calls for service made for Cayce). Of the six police reporting areas in Cayce, the two target RPAs had 67% of the assault incidents in 2012. NPN Community Survey data for Cayce show that 90% of residents agree or strongly agree that violence is a problem in their community and only 16% feel safe when walking at night. Survey data also show a low sense of community and low social cohesion and control in Cayce. School data show that at the zoned middle and high school, 55% and 35% of students received suspensions in 2012. The zoned high school disciplined 72% of the student body for 1,611 total incidents in 2011-12. The majority of these discipline incidents were for authority-challenging incidents, with others for assault or fighting.

The NFFG Project is a place-based strategy to address interpersonal and domestic violence in Cayce Place residents' neighborhood, homes, and schools. The NFFG is aligned with Mayor Karl Dean's citywide domestic violence initiative and serves as the first local model to prevent and ameliorate the effects of interpersonal violence in the most vulnerable community in Nashville. The goals of the NFFG Project are to:

1. Enhance capacity for individual well-being and healthy relationships (*Individual level*)
2. Enhance positive relationships within the context of family and peer relationships (*Family, Friends, and Neighbors*)
3. Enhance the neighborhood resident capacity to lead community change and decrease violence. (*Neighborhood*)

4. Build a comprehensive system to sustain healthy relationships and decrease violence in our homes, schools and streets. (*Systems*)

The NFFG Project strategies and planning year timeline are as follows:

Implementation Strategy 1		Components
<i>Create a coordinated service-delivery and accountability system for NFFG partner agencies.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create data management system, data sharing policies, shared referral process, shared methodology, shared outcomes, and shared resourcing</li> </ul>
Action Plan:	<b>1. Create NFFG Steering Committee and Action Team to develop shared data system, measurable outcomes, and best practices.</b>	
Implementation Strategy 2		Components
<i>Introduce an evidence-based case management system, Community Advocacy Program (CAP), to team with clients from the initial MNPd contact through safety planning, intervention mapping, and engagement in treatment.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximize number of families enrolled (at-risk and known victim/perpetrator) in CAP intervention and track progress and outcomes through shared data system.</li> <li>• Increase rapid and successful engagement with known victims/perpetrators of family violence with faster referral process and more effective engagement interventions.</li> </ul>
Action Plan:	<b>1. NFFG Action Team trained in CAP model and responsible for primary service delivery for Cayce Place residents.</b> <b>2. NFFG partner agencies providing case management will receive training from NFFG Action Team in CAP model and will adopt practices and report outcomes to NFFG Action Team.</b> <b>3. NFFG Action Team will create an MNPd referral protocol to ensure known victims and perpetrators are engaged quickly and effectively.</b> <b>4. NFFG Action Team will work with Family Resource Center and NFFG Community Organizer to create confidential community-based referral process.</b>	
Implementation Strategy 3		Components
<i>Maximize use of evidence- or research-based(E/RBP) prevention or intervention programs for families enrolled in CAP, including EBP Strengthening Families Program (SFP), a SAMHSA-recognized evidenced-based curriculum aimed at parents and youth (3-16) to develop the personal and family skills to create safe, healthy relationships.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with existing providers to increase program utilization and communication</li> <li>• Increase number of accessible, targeted E/RBPs via schools and place-based providers</li> <li>• Enhance programming in existing services via addition of training in CAP and SFP</li> </ul>
Action Plan:	<b>1. NFFG Action Team trained in SFP model and then provides SFP training for partner agencies.</b> <b>2. NFFG Steering Committee will perform detailed gap analysis to evaluate</b>	

	<p>which additional E/RBP services are needed, possibly including <i>Girls, Inc</i> and/or <i>Safe Dates</i> programs at the middle and high school serving Cayce, and MOBC and <i>FACES</i> program at neighborhood elementary school.</p> <p>3. Enhance MOBC Tied Together and New Life programs by integrating a NFFG Mental Health Counselor to provide psycho-education and counseling to enrolled parents.</p> <p>4. NFFG Action Team will create a communication and referral protocol with existing and potential NFFG partners to ensure that known Cayce residents receiving services are aware of all existing services.</p>
Implementation Strategy 4	Components
<i>Increase community awareness, voice, and choice through community organizing/engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase community participation in decision-making</li> <li>• Increase utilization through engaged community members</li> </ul>
Action Plan:	<p>1. Add Project Coordinator and Community Organizer.</p> <p>2. Partner with existing initiatives to maximize exposure and reach.</p>

### Timeline and Milestones for NFFG Planning Year

Timeline	Milestone
Oct 2013	Hire the Project Coordinator. Form the NFFG Project steering committee and set calendar for meetings.
Oct-Dec 2013	Gather local level data from existing administrative data sources (MNPD, schools, child protective services, housing authority and health department).
Jan-Feb 2014	Assess and analyze data to inform steering committee and neighborhood.
Feb-Mar 2014	Develop a gap analysis to determine the existing resources and gaps in services for Cayce individuals and families.
Mar-Apr 2014	Develop focus group interview protocol for Cayce children and adults to bring voice to the data gathered and uncover challenges that may be undocumented.
May-Jun 2014	Synthesize the data gathered locally and from Admin sources, Gap Analysis, and Community Focus groups. Draft data report for review and discussion.
Jul-Sept 2014	Begin Implementation planning for year 2 and 3 (using the research-based practice outlined on page 9).
Sept-Oct 2014	Finalize the budget and timeline for years 2 and 3 of the implementation phase.
October 2014	Submit Implementation Plan and budget to DOJ.

The length of the NFFG Project is October 2013 through September 2016 with a total budget of \$1,000,000. The NFFG Project is aligned with Mayor Karl Dean's citywide domestic violence initiative and has received support from the Mayor and US Attorney. The NFFG Project will be supported through the capacity of its partners including: in-kind staff, expertise, data and data analytic tools, evidence-based treatment programs, finance and accounting processes, and facility space.